

I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I have a genetic disease which shortens my life expectancy. My naturopath has helped me much more than any MD I have ever been to. MD's are disease focused and ND's are health focused, to avoid disease or the deterioration of the disease. I chose to see my ND every time I am sick, not my MD.

Giving prescription authority to ND's would be very helpful to me as a patient. I have several serious illnesses. It would reduce the number of copays I would pay. It would reduce the number of places I have to travel when I am ill. It would also incorporate wellness into my medical plan. This includes good nutrition, something that most MD's have no training in. Please allow ND's to prescribe. They are often more well-trained than MD's.

Once again, I ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs).

Thank you.

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